

## TO RUSH PREPARATION OF NAVY-BUILDING BILL

House Committee Will Take Up Program on Thursday for Consideration.

### FOUR CAPITAL SHIPS FAVORED

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WASHINGTON, May 14.—Senate and House leaders predicted today that the army bill as agreed upon in conference will pass both houses in a few days, and may be signed by President Wilson this week. On Thursday, the House Naval Affairs Committee will take up the naval building program and rush the preparation of the bill. The program favored by a majority of the members of the committee provides for the construction of four capital ships, as follows:

- Two Dreadnoughts.
- Two battle cruisers.
- It was stated that in addition to the capital ships, the construction of the following, as recommended by the administration, will be authorized:
- Three scout cruisers.
- Fifteen destroyers.
- Five fleet submarines.
- Twenty-five coast submarines.
- Two gunboats.
- One hospital ship.

Provision will be made for a large number of new aeroplanes, an increase in the reserve of munitions, and new buildings for the storage of naval supplies.

### TO AWAIT RECOMMENDATIONS FROM NAVY DEPARTMENT

Provision is likely to be made also for an increase in the personnel. The committee members, however, will await recommendations from the Navy Department, after the definite number of ships has been decided upon, and the lessons learned from the naval operations in the European war are applied, before the increase to be made in personnel will be determined.

No meeting of the committee on the subject has been held yet, but there is agreement among the members that the naval appropriation this year will be \$110,000,000, which is \$10,000,000 more than was contained in Secretary Daniels' estimates last October.

There is a strong sentiment in Congress for a larger number of capital ships than the four decided on, and it was declared by a member of the Naval Affairs Committee today that if President Wilson wants more they will be voted. There is almost unity of sentiment in the committee, it was said, to give the President whatever he insists upon concerning the navy. An effort will be made by "big navy" members of the committee to have the number of capital ships increased to six, and the "small navy" men will favor only two, to battle cruisers, but they will vote in the end, one of them declared today, for four capital ships, and for more if President Wilson wants them and makes his wishes known.

It has not been decided by the members of the committee whether the five-year building program, as recommended by Secretary Daniels, or a one-year program, will be reported.

### RICHMOND WILL INVITE Y. M. C. A. CONVENTION

One of Four Southern Cities That Will Make Bid To-Day for 1919 Meeting.

CLEVELAND, O., May 14.—Four Southern cities—Atlanta, Birmingham, Nashville, and Richmond—to-morrow will present invitations for the 1919 meeting of the International Y. M. C. A. Convention, now in session here. New Haven, Conn., also is seeking the honor. The railroad section of the convention today paraded through downtown streets. Later it was addressed by Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Local Engineers, C. J. Hicks, for twenty years senior international railroad secretary; Dr. John P. Munn, of the International Railroad Committee, and John F. Moore, now international senior railroad secretary. At the afternoon meeting Bishop William F. McDowell, D. D., of Chicago, and Dr. G. Sherwood Eddy spoke. The evening service was devoted to reports from members stationed in Latin America and the Orient.

Viewpoints of centralized capital and organized labor will be presented before the industrial section of the convention to-morrow afternoon, when John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and Warren S. Stone speak on "Spiritual Forces Creating and Solving Modern Industrial Problems."

Mr. Rockefeller is scheduled also for an address to-morrow afternoon on "Every Christian Man at Work for His Fellowmen. How Shall This Be Accomplished?"

Another speaker will be Franklin T. Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, to the army and navy section, on the "Enlarged Navy."

### PRESBYTERIANS OF NATION IN SESSION THIS WEEK

Southern General Assembly Meets at Orlando, Fla., and Northern Assembly at Atlantic City.

ORLANDO, FLA., May 14.—Woman's position in the church, regulation of entertainments given to raise funds, the question of comity with the Northern Church, and closer co-operation with negro presbyteries, are important matters facing commissioners at the general Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, which opens here on Thursday, and will continue six days. This will be the fifty-first general assembly, to which 300 commissioners, representing about 335,000 communicants have been delegated. At the second session of the opening day a moderator will be elected. The first session will be given over to the sermon of W. McP. Alexander, of New Orleans, the retiring moderator, and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

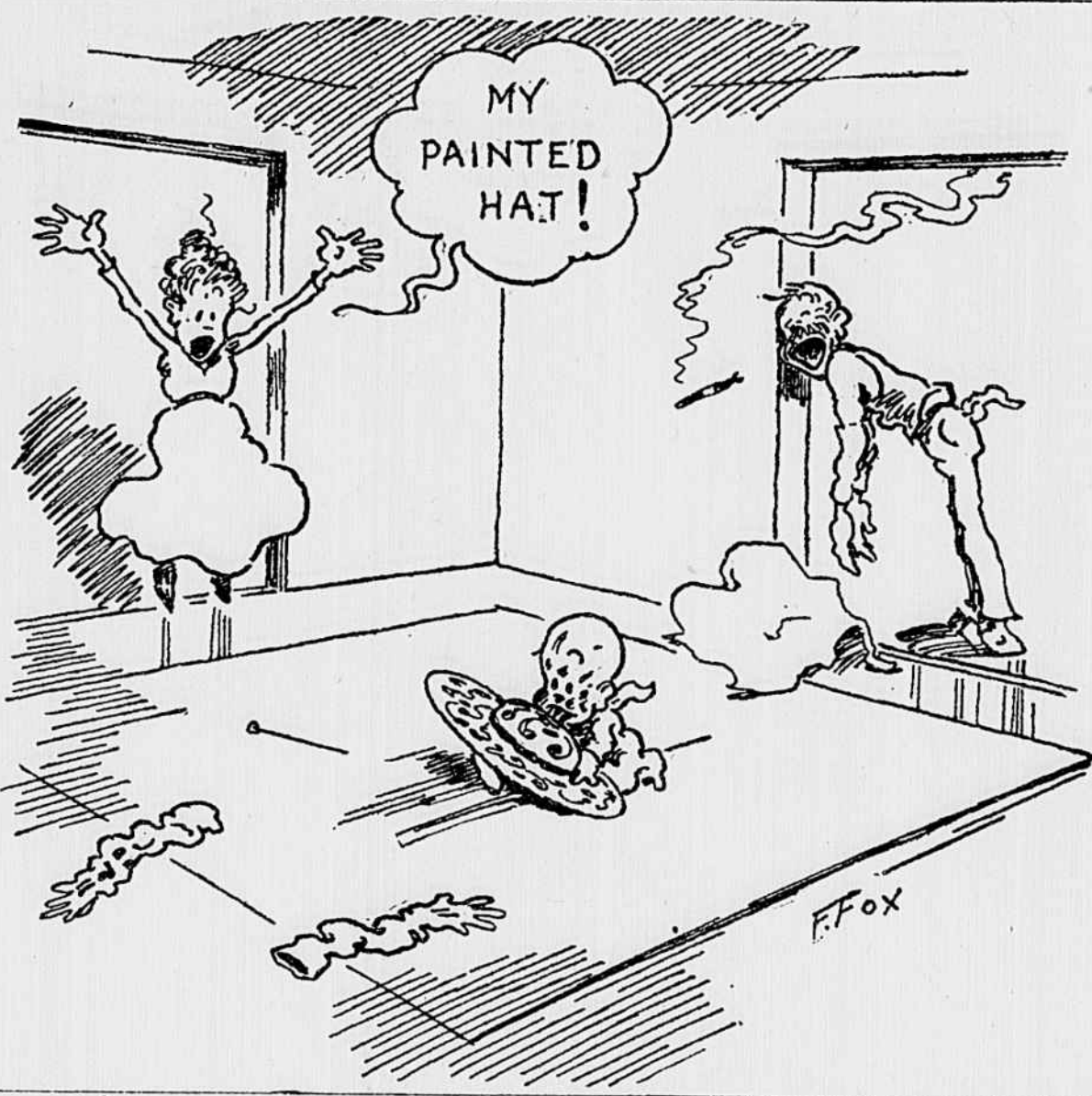
Rural churches will be given much attention, as will the question of providing for aged ministers.

### MANY IMPORTANT MATTERS TO COME UP BEFORE ASSEMBLY

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 14.—Election of a moderator, consideration of overtures for the exclusion of the New York Presbytery because of its alleged heterodoxy and numerous overtures demanding that suit be brought against the Union Theological Seminary, New York, for the endorsement accepted during the time it was in relation to the Presbyterian Church, are among the many important matters to come up for action at the 138th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, which opens here on Thursday. Ministerial relief and sustentation, home and foreign missions and the proposed consolidation of the college board and the board of education will also be considered. Dr. J. Ross Stevenson, president of Princeton Theological Seminary, the retiring moderator, will preach the opening sermon of the assembly on Thursday morning, and the election of officers is on the program for the same afternoon.

## Mother's Latest Thing in Millinery Appealed Particularly to the Baby . . . By F. Fox

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### BAPTISTS MEET THIS WEEK

Sixty-first Annual Convention of Southern Churches Will Open in Asheville.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., May 14.—With every promise of a record-breaking attendance of delegates, the sixty-first annual convention of the Southern Baptist Churches will open here on Wednesday afternoon. On the same date the Women's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the main convention, will open its twenty-eighth annual meeting. The convention will be called to order by Dr. Lansing Burrows, of America, Ga., who was elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention at Houston last year, and officers for the ensuing year will be elected. Dr. Burrows is serving his second term as president. Following precedent of the convention, he may be elected to serve a third term. The present secretaries of the convention, Rev. Hight C. Moore, D. D., of Raleigh, N. C., and Rev. Oliver P. Gregory, of Baltimore, will be re-elected.

The opening address, the keynote of the congress, will be delivered on Wednesday by Dr. Charles W. McDaniel, of Atlanta.

The meeting of the Southern Baptist Press Association, composed of editors and publishers of Southern Baptist newspapers and periodicals, will be held on Tuesday, as a preliminary to the convention proper. The present expectations are that there will be an attendance of 2,500 delegates when the convention meets, exclusive of the 500 delegates who will attend the sessions of the Women's Missionary Union.

### AMUSEMENTS

#### Price Players in "Under Cover"

The Price Players at the Academy to-night give Richmond its first view of "Under Cover," a blend of love, laughter, thrills and suspense, which enjoyed long favor in New York, Boston and Chicago. It is an up-to-the-minute attraction and introduces Catherine Proctor, who was given stellar distinction by David Belasco in two of his best productions. Viola Leach, from the San Francisco Alcazar; Olivia Lowe and Maude Kent also make their first appearances with Manager Price's company.

#### Summer Show at the Lyric

Seasonable entertainment for warm afternoons and nights is provided in the light and airy novelties and frivolities that make up the show for the first half of this week at the Lyric, commencing with the matinee this afternoon. "On the Veranda," a comedy and musical divertissement, with numerous specialties interpolated, will afford many pretty and animated stage pictures, abundance of laughter and some excellent dance numbers. There are six girls, comedians and specialty artists in the cast of "On the Veranda." The piece is a musical comedy. Fitzgerald and Quigley, pianologist and comedian, form a feature that was added to the show last night. They have a good variety turn. Bayonne Whipple, who has been seen here several times in other theaters, and Arthur Huston are the principal funmakers in the fantastic farce, "Spooks," a weirdly comic production based on an original idea. Jack Symonds, tramp comedian, is coming with his box car and a consignment of good stories and songs, and Hubert Dyer



CATTY REMARK.  
Harry proposed to me four times in two weeks.  
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### At the Movies To-Day

- ISIS—Constance Collier, in "The Code of Marcella Gray."
- ODEON—Charlie Chaplin, in "Car-men."
- HIJOU—Norma Talmadge and William Hickey, in "The Children in the House," and "The Snow Cure," with Fred Sterling.
- LITTLE—Millstone, with Edmund Cobb.
- REX—Craze Wilbur, in "The Conscience of John David."
- COLONIAL—Edith Storey, in "The Two-Edged Sword."
- VICTOR—Pearl White, in "The Iron Claw."
- STRAND—Geraldine Farrar, in "Maria Rosa."

and company, novelty gymnastic comiques, have an act that is far out of the beaten path. New pictures of the European war and Mexican events will be conspicuous in the motion-picture exhibits accompanying the vaudeville bill.

### MANY PERISH IN FLOOD

Rivers Overflowing Banks in Jamaica Causing Loss of Life and Great Damage.

KINGSTON, JAMAICA, May 14.—A number of lives have been lost in floods which are sweeping the island. Rain is falling in torrents and the rivers are overflowing their banks. Heavy damage has been done to the banana crop, and the roads are impassable.

### TWO BROTHERS DIE AT ALMOST SAME HOUR

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BRISTOL, VA., May 14.—H. S. Kilbourn, Mayor of the mining town of St. Charles, Lee County, Va., died in the Abingdon Hospital last midnight following an operation. He was sixty-two years old. Coincidentally with the news, wired to a brother, W. E. Kilbourn, at Big Stone Gap, this morning was another message to the same brother telling of the death of a younger brother, Frank Kilbourn, at Green Forest, Ark. The two brothers died at almost the same hour. Mayor Kilbourn's body will be buried at Appomattox to-morrow.

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## VOTES IN FAVOR OF UNION WITH SOUTHERN CHURCH

Committee on Episcopacy of Methodist Episcopal Denomination Indorses Proposal.

### SPLIT OVER SLAVERY QUESTION

Recommendation That Seven Bishops Be Elected Will Be Made To-Day. Report on Amusements Issue Soon to Be Taken Up.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., May 14.—The committee on episcopacy of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in general conference here, has voted to indorse the proposal to unite the Methodist Episcopal Church and Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the two great branches of Methodism which became divided over the question of slavery seventy-two years ago, it was reported here to-day.

The recommendation that seven bishops, on general superintendents be elected will be made to the general conference to-morrow by the committee on episcopacy. Six of the new bishops will be assigned to episcopal areas in the United States, and one will be stationed at Seoul, Korea. In addition, two missionary bishops will be recommended for work in Africa to succeed Bishop Scott and Harrell. One of the latter is to be of African descent, if the committee resolution is approved.

A new episcopal residence will be established at Detroit, the Oklahoma residence will be transferred to Pittsburgh, and that at Kansas City, Kans., will be moved to Wichita, Kans.

It is planned to have the balloting for the new bishops start to-morrow, and be continued until all of the required number have received a two-thirds vote of the conference.

Announcement was made to-night that the committee on state of the church, to which was referred the much-discussed question of amusements, will report in favor of eliminating from the discipline the prohibition of dancing, theater attendance and card playing. Another important subject to be taken up during the coming week is the general statement of the attitude of the church on the question of temperance and prohibition. The temperance committee has agreed upon a report which goes farther than the Methodist Episcopal Church has ever gone before.

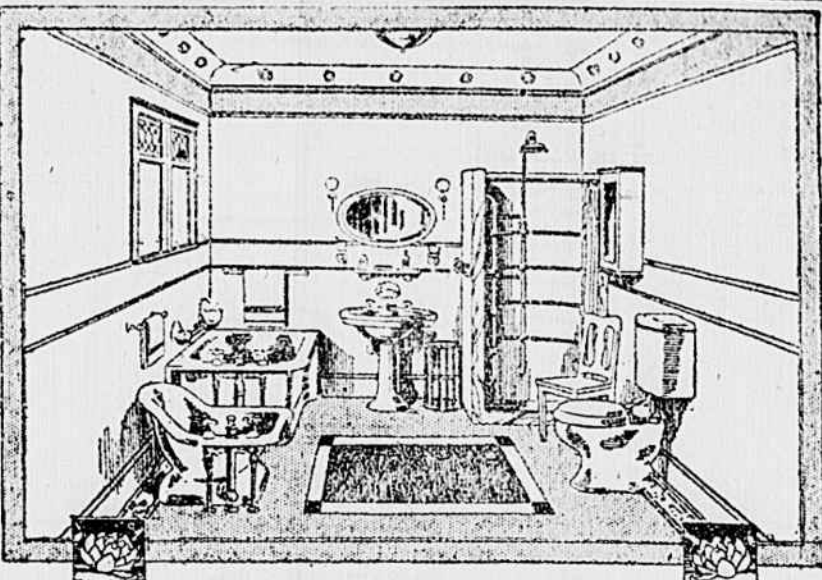
The conference also will demand the closing of the United States mails to all liquor advertising. While the report indorses the church's own temperance society for educational work, it also indorses the Anti-Saloon League as the agency of the Methodist Church for co-operating with other churches in obtaining legislation and law enforcement, and the political work necessarily incident to such activity.

### Submarines Reach New York

NEW YORK, May 14.—Four submarines under escort of the monitor Talisman and the torpedo-boat destroyer Worden, which left Hampton Roads yesterday, arrived here to-day.

### BELL-ANS Absolutely Removes Indigestion. One package proves it. 25c at all druggists.

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